



*The Presbyterian
Church of
Saint
David*

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We are so glad you have chosen
to worship with us this morning!

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day, May 5th 2013
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our Vision

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: He shall Feed his Flock by Händel

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship:

*Hymn: God of mercy, God of Grace

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Prayer of Confession: *O God, You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

Introit: O Beautiful Gaia by Carolyn McDade

First Reading: Acts 16: 9-15

One: *The Word of the Lord* All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 67 *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere God.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Saviour teach me day by day **698**
 Conversation with the young people:
 (Young people leave for Sunday School)
 From the letters: **Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**
 Gospel: **John 14:23-29**
One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ
 *Hymn: Teach me God to wonder **704**
 Sermon: **Can you ever be ready?**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
 Anthem: Just as I am by Chilcott
 *Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **830**
 *Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (inside back cover of the Book of Praise) Offertory Prayer
 Announcements:
 "Lord, listen to your children praying" (unannounced) **449**
 Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: He leadeth me **650**
 *Benediction: May the God we serve pour grace and blessing into our lives! May the face of God shine light upon us! May we celebrate God's love and justice in such a way that everyone around will come to know God, and will experience God's grace and blessing for themselves. God go with you now and always!
 *Choral Amen:
 Postlude: Trumpet Tune by Purcell
Worship is now ended let our service begin!

May 9th, 7 pm, there will be a full **information night** on our proposed Land Lease agreement. Please set it aside now and make every effort to attend! It is anticipated that we will be ready to vote on the matter June 9th.

The regular Session meeting will be held on Wednesday May 8th at 7 pm.

Calvin Presbyterian Church, will be holding a Mothers' Day Tea in the Church Hall on Sat. May 11 between 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Price per person \$7.00
Iona Presbyterian will be hosting a Tea and Sale on May 11th from 2-4 pm

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Valerie and Roderick MacDonald on the death of Val's mom, Marietta (Dixie) McBride last Sunday

Hunger Awareness Week is about raising awareness of the solvable problem of hunger in Canada. Food banks across the country hold events to tell the story of the work they do, and the stories of hungry Canadians assisted by food banks. Next Sunday is Food Bank Sunday for David's Place.

THIS WEEK - (May 5- May 12)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
		Sunday School at 11:15
Tuesday&Thursday		Exercise class
Wednesday	7:00	Session
Thursday	7:00	Information Night
Friday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall).	
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service and Sunday School
		Food Bank Sunday – give generously!

Acts 16:9-15 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing

from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

John 14:23-29 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. "You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

"That is how history is made: by envisioning of new alternative possibilities and acting on them as if they were inevitable. That is how despair is overcome: by the declaration of unlikelyhoods welling up from the center of reality, by prophesying a course of action God is conspiring to bring to pass." - Walter Wink



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MISSION MOMENTS Empowering Women and Investing in

Positive Change In Afghanistan, an estimated one third of the population is considered food insecure. In addition to working with farmers to increase harvests, Presbyterian World Service & Development, in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains bank and local partners, is enabling women to earn an income, help overcome malnutrition and contribute to household decision making. Last year 180 women received chickens, goats, animal feed and training. By acquiring livestock, women can improve nutrition by adding protein and milk to their diets, while the extra meat, milk and eggs can be sold at the market. Adlida, a trainer with the project, shared that women have already begun forming savings groups.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for those attending the Stewards by Design conference, that this event will be transformational in their congregations.

STEWARDSHIP Too many people spend money they earned, to buy things they don't want, to impress people that they don't like. *Will Rogers*

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility. If desired a **nursery room** is available with an audio link.



The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.

We welcome all who are worshipping here today! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. Our Greeter this morning is Jamie Campbell. Our reader today is Murray Alary. Refreshment Host is Olive Clark